

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application. The examiner has stated that a restriction to one of two sets of claims is required under 35 U.S.C § 121. The examiner has grouped the claims as follows:

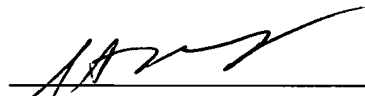
- I. Claims 1-47, drawn to searching for (i.e., querying) data stored as a database in a computer or digital data processing system, including sequential searching, primary and secondary index searching, and bit-map searching of inverted lists or topological maps, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- II. Claims 48-50, drawn to multicomputer data transfer (i.e., file transfer), classified in class 715, subclass 748.

Office Action dated December 14, 2005, page 2. After reviewing the claims and the groups identified by the examiner, applicants elect group I, which contains claims 1-47, without traverse.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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